



Mary Somppi

November 27, 1921 - November 8, 2009

Mary Louise Foltz Henry Somppi of Corvallis passed away Sunday, Nov. 8. She was 87.

She was born Nov. 27, 1921, in Lantry, S.D., to Guy and Gertrude Stayton Foltz. She was principal for more than 30 years at Franklin and Jefferson elementary schools and Cheldelin Middle School. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Rotary Club. She was also historian of the Corvallis Rose Society.

Mary was instrumental in implementation of Title IX. She was also the first woman to serve on the Benton County Draft Board.

She enjoyed gardening and traveling.

After the death of her first husband, Jack Henry, she met William Somppi. They were married Oct. 22, 1983, in Corvallis. William passed away Jan. 11, 2009.

Survivors include sons Don Somppi and his wife, Jill, of Tigard, and Jim Somppi of Corvallis; niece Toni Hammerquist of Corvallis; and nephew Joe DiOrio of Scio.

A celebration of her life will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis.

Memorials can be made in her name to a charity of one's choice.